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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

In the Specification:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.823(a), please insert the attached paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" between the last page of the Disclosure (page 49) and the first page of the Claims to replace the Sequence Listing previously filed on October 12, 1999.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 13-19 and 21, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein.